

DESERT AIRMAN

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.

Friday, April 13, 2001



Senior Airman Amy Kunkel

Clownin' around

Senior Airman Jennifer Lundberg applies her clown make-up prior to a performance. At work Lundberg is a medical administration specialist in the 355th Medical Group. Off duty, she is "Clyde," a member of Tucson's clown ministry known as the Faithful Fools. See **Page 12** for her story.

ABCCC controls Northern Edge skies

One hundred sixteen airmen from the 42nd Airborne Control and Command Squadron controlled the skies near Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, during exercise Northern Edge 2001, which ran March 19 through 30.

"We (were there) to provide airborne command and control of combined joint forces throughout the exercise, primarily during situations such as Army brigade movements," said Lt. Col. Arden Dohman, the Raptor's detachment commander, a native of Groten, S.D.

The ice, snow and freezing cold weather were a drastic change from the conditions 42nd ACCS normally experiences in their dry, sunny home in the Sonoran desert. That has created its share of difficulties, but 42nd ACCS troops remained positive.

Ground maintenance had the most difficulty with the Alaskan weather. "When we first arrived, many of our fluid seals changed sizes with the different (cooler) temperatures, and needed (to be) changed," said Lt. Col. Matt Yotter, deployed operations officer. "There (were) iced runways and a lot of snow, but I think that's good training."

With the change of climate taking its toll on squadron's airmen,

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Welcome to Davis-Monthan



Lt. Gen. Donald Cook,
Air Combat Command Vice
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Force Base, Va.

**Brig. Gen. (Dr.) George
Taylor,** Air Combat Com-
mand Surgeon, Langley Air
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Base, Va.

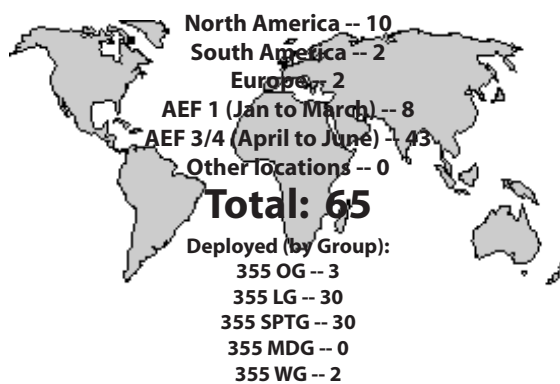
Chris Paul, Military Legislative Liaison
for Senator John McCain, Washington,
D.C.

355th Wing Flying Goals

Sorties	A/OA-10s			Hours	EC-130E/Hs		
Goal	469	405	423	Goal	272	355	238
Flown	146	159	146	Flown	92	133	94
Delta	-5	18	1	Delta	16	17	5
FY01	21	69	11	FY01	20	63	93

Current as of Wednesday

Where are 355th Wing members serving?



This week, last year, **392** members of the 355th Wing
were deployed.
Current as of Monday

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Inside this week's *Desert Airman*Security Forces 'warrior'
makes final journey

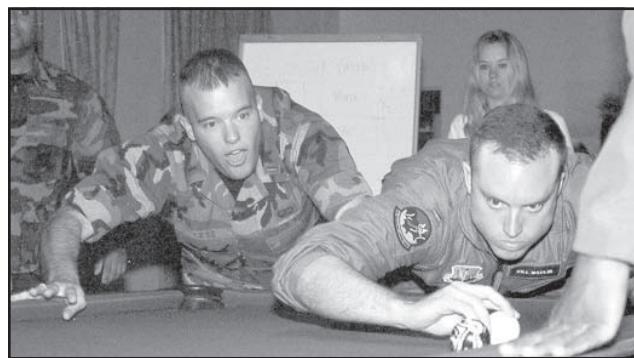
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People are the key to
today's military

The thing I like most about the military is being around people. I had my doubts on how military life would treat me from the first time I raised my hand and swore to support and defend the Constitution of the United States many years ago at the Armed Forces Entrance and Examination Station.

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Dragons capture crud
championship

The 357th Fighter Squadron "Dragons" B Team battled past almost 20 teams to win the quarterly Desert Lightning Crud Tournament championship April 6 at the Officers' Club.

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Desert Lightning Channel

Desert Lightning Channel Schedule
7 to 8 a.m. - Base Announcements
8 to 8:30 a.m. - Air Force News
8:30 to 8:38 a.m. - D-M News Show
8:38 to noon - Base Announcements
noon to 12:30 p.m. - Air Force News
12:30 to 12:38 p.m. - D-M News Show
12:38 to 6 p.m. - Base Announcements
6 to 6:30 p.m. - Air Force News
6:30 to 6:38 p.m. - D-M News Show
6:38 to 8 p.m. - Base Announcements
8 to 9:01 p.m. - Programs ("Welcome to Andersen AFB;
A Day in the Life of an Airman; History of the Air Force;

Camouflage, Concealment and Deception; Desert Shield/
Desert Storm")
9:01 to 10 p.m. - Base Announcements
10 to 10:30 p.m. - Air Force News
10:30 to 10:38 - D-M News Show
10:38 to midnight - Base Announcements
12:01 to 1:01 a.m. - Programs
1:01 to 2 a.m. - Base Announcements
2 to 2:30 a.m. - Air Force News
2:30 to 2:38 a.m. - D-M Show
2:38 to 4 a.m. - Base Announcements
4 to 5:01 a.m. - Programs
5:01 to 7 a.m. - Base Announcements (Script recycles)

**For questions about
the programming on
the Desert Lightning
Channel, Cox
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Channel 75, call
8-3204.**

Future Force

355th Wing (year to date)
Recruiting events: 125
Referrals: 375
Local recruiter goals (year to date)
Goal: 141
Enlistees: 119



(Current as of Monday)

355th Wing retention rates
1st term:56% 2nd term:73% Career:95%

Air Force retention rates
1st term:56% 2nd term:70% Career:91%

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Commander's Corner



Col. Bobby Wilkes
355th Wing Commander

Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a common goal we all share as members of Team D-M.

Ideas, suggestions, comments and kudos are an important ingredient for continuous improvement.

The fastest way to pass along comment or to get an answer to your concern is to contact the agency chief or functional manager listed here.

Still no solution? The Commander's Corner phone line is available 24 hours a day, at **228-4747**, or you can send an e-mail to us at: 355thWingCommandersCorner@dm.af.mil.

If you leave your name, phone number and a message, you'll receive a prompt reply, either in writing or by telephone. We will honor your confidentiality, but sometimes we need to contact callers to

gather additional information. If your concern is of general interest to the base populace, the response may be published in the *Desert Airman*. Anonymous calls may not be published in the newspaper, we recommend you leave a contact phone number if you'd like us to provide an answer.

Commander's Salute

"This week I salute Staff Sgts. Terry Dolliver, Jen Wildman and Tamara Hocker, and Airmen 1st Class Christy McMahon and Chris Belk, 355th Communications Squadron. When we lost all AUTODIN connectivity, they quickly restored service. Through the quick-thinking and extensive efforts of these individuals, we never missed a beat. Certainly a job well done and thanks."

Commissary

Concern:

I am writing because of several disturbing encounters while checking out at the commissary. First of all, I realize the baggers work for tips.

About three months ago, I checked out of the commissary and one of the baggers carried my groceries outside. I had three carts of groceries, so I went and got my vehicle and drove up to the front of the commissary.

After *I helped* her unload the three carts, I went to give her a tip, but discovered I only had a dollar in my wallet. I gave the bagger a dollar and told her I was sorry that was all I had to give her. She went off on me! I was so taken back that I couldn't even respond at the moment.

She then turned around to the other baggers that were on break outside or helping other customers, and began waving the dollar in the air and yelling that she only got \$1 for three carts and was pointing at me. I was so embarrassed and taken back, I got in my truck and left.

After not returning for about a month, I started shopping there again. I encountered a similar incident with another bagger where my gro-

ceries were actually damaged, because they didn't like the amount of the tip.

It is very distressing to have this sort of conduct on a military installation.

Baggers work there voluntarily and should realize that the shoppers spend a great deal of money at the commissary.

Sometimes I don't always have an extra \$5 to tip them as I would like.

Due to this last incident, I will deal with the higher prices at the other supermarkets in Tucson.

Response:

We apologize for any embarrassment or inconvenience these commissary encounters have caused you. It is up to the patron whether they choose to tip a bagger or not and it is Defense Commissary Agency policy that the bagger be courteous at all times to all patrons, whether they receive a tip or not.

We can assure you that disciplinary action will be taken against any bagger that demonstrates this type of abusive behavior.

It would help the commissary managers to deal with these types of situations if they are informed as problems occur.

The easiest way to identify the bagger is by the number

printed on the receipt and the badge they wear.

You also indicated that your groceries were not properly bagged. If any of your items were damaged, we will be glad to replace the item for you. Call Michael Howell 8-3244 for more information.

Kudos

Concern:

Airman Breaux and Tech. Sgt. Boles at the Satellite Pharmacy, and the swing shift cops at the main gate, Airman Holland, desk sergeant, and the swing shift supervisor have all been wonderful and I would like them to get credit for their duty performance.

Response:

We really appreciate the wonderful comments. Our Security Force and Medical Group members work hard to meet the needs of the hundreds who come onto the base each and every day.

Satellite pharmacy airman, Tech. Sgt. Betty Boles and Airman 1st Class Ida Breaux, and Security Forces troops, Tech. Sgt. Larry Herndon (Flight Chief), Senior Airman Jason Holland (Desk Sergeant), Senior Airman Jennifer Tucker and Airman 1st Class Daniel Burhans (Main Gate Guards) are all top performers, and they epitomize exceptional customer service.

Final Answer

What is your favorite part of the Desert Airman?



Nicole Barnard
Spouse of Army Capt.
Tom Barnard

"I enjoy reading the news briefs because I find out what is going on. As a mom, I am always looking for things to do with my children."



Dewey Brown
AAFES General
Manager

"I enjoy reading page three because I like to read people's comments, and of course anything positive about AAFES."



**Senior Airman
Jeremy Childers**
354th Fighter
Squadron

"I enjoy reading about people who are featured in the Sonoran Spotlight."



**Retired Master Sgt.
Thomas Julian**

"I enjoy the whole thing because there is a lot of good information for the military audience."



**Airman 1st Class
Cylie Lajoie**
355th Medical
Support Squadron

"I enjoy reading the Final Answer answers. I find that people are very interesting."



**Staff Sgt.
Michael Phillips**
42nd Airborne Command
and Control Squadron

"I like to read the Commander's Corner because it's nice to see the commander address concerns and comments."

Kakert named top resource management performer

By Deborah VanNierop
355th Wing Staff writer

When Air Combat Command recently announced that Tech. Sgt. Kelly Kakert was one of the top performers for 2000 in the field of operations resource management, few who know her were surprised. However, Kakert who had won the award four times before at the base level, but never at the command level, said she was "very surprised."

"I was working in wing scheduling and training at the time, and we were working hard to bring

a new scheduling program on line. It was a very busy time, and I didn't really think about my chances of winning at ACC," she said.

Currently, Kakert is the resource advisor for the 355th Operation Support Squadron. She believes that in addition to all of the projects she was involved with at work, her commitment to community service helped her win the award.

"I'm very involved with One-On-One Partners which is a local group that mentors children," she said.

However, according to her supervisor, Chief Master Sgt. Mark Stubbs, it's Kakert's tenacity

that makes others take notice.

"She is great about digging in and getting the job done. Additionally, Kelly is able to do a variety of tasks well, and she doesn't limit her scope to her job. She is interested in improving herself as well as improving her community," he explained.

Kakert, who has been in the career field for more than 13 years, said she enjoys her job, and it's nice to be recognized for her work. "My job is great because it's something different every day," she said. Her award package has been forwarded for competition at the Air Force level.

Around D-M

Chiefs recognize sharp troops

The following airman are the Davis-Monthan AFB Chief's Group Sharp Award selectees for the month of March:

Staff Sgt. Richard Meyers, 355th Communications Squadron; Senior Airman Sandra Madden, 12th Air Force; Tech. Sgt. Glenda Weber, 355th Wing; Staff Sgt. Michael Amos, 355th Medical Support Squadron; Airman Rachael Nutter, 12th Air Force; Staff Sgt. Nick Peter Barana, 355th Medical Group; and Airman 1st Class Calvin Razz, 357th Fighter Squadron.

Recruiting MTIs

"Recruit the Military Training Instructor Team" visits Davis-Monthan AFB April 25 at 9 a.m. in Building 4800, 354th Fighter Squadron briefing room.

Senior airman, committing to a second term, through master sergeants with less than 16 years total active service are eligible to apply.

The team can expedite the re-

quired special duty application packages in most cases.

Spouses are also encouraged to attend to learn about the duty and responsibilities of an MTI.

Singing auditions

In the tradition of the base honor guard, Davis-Monthan singers, Ambassadors of Harmony, provide musical ensembles to base and community events.

Auditions for the "A of H" will be held Tuesday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the base theater. We invite all military members to participate. Call Tech. Sgt. Jack Ayres at 8-6919 for more information.

Milk jugs

The 355th Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal unit is looking for empty milk jugs. The unit uses the milk jugs during aircraft demonstrations as pyrotechnics. The next pyrotechnic event is mid May, but rinsed milk jugs are always needed. Call Tech. Sgt. Fred McPeters at 8-5333.

Airmen graduate leadership school

The following senior airmen recently graduated from Airman Leadership School : Dawn Barnes, 355th Operation Support Squadron; Stephanie Berry, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron; Michael Cohen, 355th Component Repair Squadron; Paul Dunbar, 355th Medical Operations Squadron; Tony Hall, 355th Transportation Squadron; Jesse Lee, 358th Fighter Squadron; Brian Loek, 42nd Airborne Command and Control Squadron; Erin Loveland, 43rd Electronic Combat Squadron; Steven Ludlum, 42nd ACCS; Steven Melton, 42nd ACCS; Michael Minamy, 357th Fighter Squadron; Sean Shuman, 25th Operational Weather Squadron; Paula Chittick, 355th Wing; Holger Dunwald, 41st ECS; Clinton Fletcher, 355th EMS; Dorian Gomez, 355th Contracting Squadron; Breton Harke, 362nd Recruiting Squadron; Michael Langerman, 355th Security Forces Squadron; Warren Moran, 12th Air

Communications Squadron; Scott Myllo, 358th Fighter Squadron; Jesse Pitre, 354th FS; Stewart Thomas, 42nd ACCS; James Storr, 25th OWS; Travis Stroyick, 354th FS; Cassandra Todd, 355th EMS; Kevin Beaulieu, 41st ECS; Robert Ferebauer, 67th Information Operations Group Detachment 9; Sherry Gehringer, 355th WG; Grace Johnk, 42nd ACCS; Matthew Johnston, 355th EMS; Brian Keeler, 42nd ACCS; Amy Morgan, 612th Air Intelligence Squadron; Michael Patrick, 43rd ECS; Scott Roberts, 355th EMS; Kelsey Silver, 12th Air Force; Jennifer Wildman, 355th Communications Squadron; and Scott Williams, 355th Training Squadron. The following individuals were recognized during the ceremony : Dunbar won the John Levitow Award and Academic Award; Shuman won the Distinguished Graduate Award; Ludlum won Distinguished Graduate; Keeler won Distinguished Graduate; and Barnes won the Leadership Award.

OG, LG name professionals of the year

Winners of the 2000 355th Operations and Logistics Group Professional of the Year awards were honored at the annual awards banquet March 31. Colonel Wilkes, 355th Wing commander, presented trophies to winners in the following categories: 355th Wing On-Equipment Maintenance Airman Professional of the Year - Airman 1st Class Georgina Carlson, 358th Fighter Squadron; 355th Wing On-Equipment Maintenance Noncommissioned Officer of the Year - Staff Sgt. James Kuhn, 354th Fighter Squadron; 355th Wing Off-Equipment Maintenance Airman Professional of the Year - Airman 1st Class Ryan McHale, 355th Component Repair Squadron; 355th Wing Off-Equipment Maintenance Noncommissioned Officer Professional of the

Year, Staff Sgt. Michael Destin, 355th Component Repair Squadron; 355th Wing Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Thomas Barnes Crew Chief of the Year - Staff Sgt. Emery Makany, 358th Fighter Squadron; 355th Wing Supply Airman Professional Provider of the Year Senior Airman Matthew Parker, 355th Supply Squadron; 355th Wing Supply Noncommissioned Officer Professional of the Year, Tech. Sgt. Donald Hansen, 355th Supply Squadron; 355th Wing Supply Civilian Professional Provider of the Year - Louise Owaski, 355th Supply Squadron; 355th Wing Transportation Airman Professional of the Year - Senior Airman Andre McDonald, 355th Transportation Squadron; 355th Wing Transportation Noncommissioned Officer

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particular a few of the crew chiefs, keeping motivation up was one of the primary focuses of the squadron leadership.

Yotter said despite not being used to the weather, the squadron was happy to be there.

"This is the best training area in the world. I hope we get to come back every year," he said.

Overall, it was a learning experience for everyone, and according to Yotter, the squadron left Alaska more knowledgeable and combat ready than when it arrived.

(Courtesy Northern Edge 2001 Joint Information Bureau-Elmendorf AFB, Alaska.)

Security Forces 'warrior' makes final journey

At 9:28 a.m. March 26, the 355th Security Forces Squadron Military Working Dog Section lost a fellow "warrior." That warrior was Roy, who had faithfully served more than 10 years with the Department of Defense.

Roy, a Belgian Malinois, was put to sleep to end his pain and suffering from numerous health problems.

Roy was whelped (born) June 1989 and accepted into the Department of Defense Dog Program at Lackland AFB, Texas, in July 1991. After graduating from Patrol and Explosive training, he was detailed to Davis-Monthan. Roy was assigned to 10 different handlers throughout his years.

"Good or bad, Roy left his impression on all of them," said Staff Sgt. Gregory Jones, Kennel Master.

He deployed to Southwest Asia seven times, and supported the Secret Service, State Department, Secretary of State, and Office of Special Investigations a total of 18 times, two classified temporary duty deployments, was a founding member of 820th Force Protection Flight/Air Combat Command's Delta flight, and participated in three police K-9 trials competitions as well as an uncountable number of bomb calls.

"Roy never once complained or cried about his

'ops tempo' or his handlers. He epitomized the Air Force's core values, yet didn't even know what they were. Roy gave his life for his country and that's how he will be remembered ... a warrior and a hero," said Jones.

Staff Sgts. Phillip Barnhart and Gregory Jones accompanied Roy to his final destination at Luke AFB. "We knew what we were going there for, but we ignored it. The drive was like any other, jokes being made and us 'talking,'" said Jones.

As the two men pulled up to the veterinarian clinic, the mood changed. "I had been through this before, but Phil hadn't, Roy was his first dog," said Jones. "I was worried about how he would handle it."

The two men carried Roy into the clinic and laid him on the table. "I was still doing good at not my letting emotions get to me," said Jones.

Jones held Roy and stayed with him until the end. "It's the one job that no handler envies; it's the most devastating thing you will ever have to do. I would much rather die than have to hold my best friend as his life drained away," said Jones.

"We knew it was better to end his suffering

than to watch him lay in pain like this, it still didn't make it easy. I held Roy and whispered to him that he was going to be 'OK' as the Vet injected him. I kept talking to him as he slipped away and that's when I broke down," said Jones.

"I've known Roy for nearly seven years and all the good times came flooding back to me, like the time he shredded my bed spread on a TDY to Las Vegas and when he got mad and bit me for making him do a detailed search of a bus when there was obviously nothing there,"

said Jones. "Barnhart had only been Roy's handler for eight months but had built one of the best rapport with Roy that I had ever seen. I knew he was going through the same thing I was," said Jones.

The men patted Roy on the head, wished him a good journey. "Neither Phil nor I talked much on the ride home, thinking about Roy I suppose.

The next few days took their toll on me realizing how little people understood or even cared about that relationship between a handler and his dog," said Jones. (Courtesy 355th Security Forces Squadron)



Roy



Team D-M



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D-M airman 'sings for living' with Tops in Blue

By Staff Sgt.
J. Elaine Hunnicutt
355th Wing Public Affairs

According to Senior Airman Katie Palmer, the latest edition to the Air Force Tops in Blue performance troop and a 42nd Airborne Command and Control Squadron member, she came out of the womb singing and hasn't stopped yet.

Palmer, the daughter of two music teachers, began her 11-month tour with the team April 1. The team will train in San Antonio, Texas, through June. Once their training is complete, the team will hit the road and travel the globe performing for Air Force and community audiences.

According to Palmer, this is the greatest challenge any performer, civilian or military, could hope for. The per-

formers get to experience everything from the technical hands-on aspect behind the scenes to performing on stage.

Palmer's success didn't happen overnight. She has been performing for audiences since she was a small child. The Los Angeles, Calif., native got her start with a Beverly Hills-based choir, Children of the World.

Her first national solo performance was on the Jay Leno show at the age of 5. Her most recent accomplishment was on the soundtrack for the John Travolta and Nicholas

Cage movie, "Faceoff."

Palmer's success also didn't come without hard work and determination. She volunteered to work behind the scene in San Antonio for two months during the training season to better prepare herself for the challenge after

trying out for the team the first time. With the technical knowledge she gained, she was able to improve her skills and resubmit a stronger package and performance.

Palmer hopes to serve her country in this manner by improving (Air Force) morale. "You can't beat a job like that," said Palmer.

The performer/roadie, said she was inspired during basic training by her military training instructor after being asked to sing for the troops in her flight. "I sang 'The Sun Will Come Out Tomorrow,' a song I had sung when I tried out for the musical 'Annie' as a child," said Palmer.

Tech. Sgt. Theodore Ayon, Palmer's MTI, was so impressed by what he heard, that he introduced the idea of Tops in Blue to Palmer through out the rest of her time in basic training at Lackland Air Force Base.

"I believe she was having a hard time adjusting, as everyone does and it was used as motivation," said Ayon.

Ayon attended Palmer's second audition in San Antonio when she made the team.

"I am extremely proud (of her). This is just another example of what one can do if they set their minds to it. I may

have pointed her in the right direction, but I had nothing to do with wowing the pants off the judges," said Ayon.

Palmer advises anyone interested in trying out for the team or following any dream to remember to always work hard and be ready for the opportunity. See www.tibpriors.org or www.afsv.af.mil for schedules.



Palmer

tops in blue Facts

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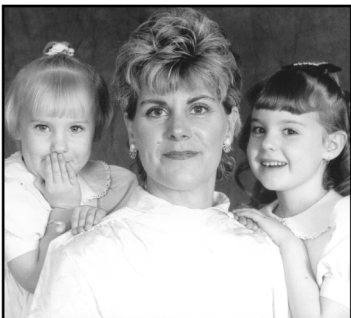
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People are the key to today's military

**By Chief Master Sgt.
Mark Stubbs**

355th Operations Support Squadron

The thing I like most about the military is being around people. I had my doubts on how military life would treat me from the first time I raised my hand and swore to support and defend the Constitution of the United States many years ago at the Armed Forces Entrance and Examination Station. Now the name is changed to Military Entrance Processing Station, I guess so it wouldn't be confused with the Army and Air Force Exchange Service.

Basic training was the first place I noticed the Air Force people "taking care of its own."

I left my security drawer (I was in the new barracks, so footlockers didn't exist) unlocked and the training instructor found it. After he chewed out the dorm chief, and the dorm chief had a few choice words about me to the bay chief, and then the bay chief was in my face telling me I had to write 5,000 times that I would never leave my valuables in my security drawer unsecured.

It was 4 p.m. on a Sunday, and I had to complete it before the TI came back Monday morning.

Well, I got started, but it was evident I couldn't get the task done in the time I had left. Something happened I never expected. The whole dorm pitched in and helped me complete the task. They divided up the task and we had it done in about an hour. Right then I knew I made the right choice in joining the Air Force.

There were other events throughout my career that continued to reinforce that Air Force



Courtesy photo

Chief Master Sgt. Mark Stubbs (left) talks with Tech. Sgt. Kelly Kakert in the chief's office. Kakert is resource advisor for the 355th Operations Support Squadron, and a recent ACC award winner (see related story on **Page 4**).

people take care of each other and are our greatest assets.

When I was a young newly-married airman first class, I didn't have much furniture other than a red and white chair my wife brought from her room at her parent's house and an ironing board. Master Sgt. (I think his first name was John) Sessions, who worked on my crew — and I thought was ancient at the time — found out my apartment was pretty much empty. He had just bought a new living room set and asked if I would like a few chairs, end tables, and a coffee table.

I thought second hand was better than nothing and agreed. Then he did something I didn't expect. He invited my wife and I to his home for a steak dinner. After we ate and talked a bit, he and I loaded the furniture (which was in very good condition; I still have the chairs today) into his pick-up truck and delivered them

to my apartment. I will never forget him.

Other things also happened that might seem trivial, but really mattered to me. I remember getting food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas time from base organizations even though I didn't think a married airman with no kids should get. I remember co-workers who held mock boards to help me make senior airman below-the-zone. I can't forget the promotion advice from a supervisor who didn't make technical sergeant until his 19th year. He told me to use my time wisely when I moved to a remote site in Alaska and he told me to start studying as soon as I arrived. I took his advice and made staff sergeant the first time. I used that advice to study for technical sergeant while I was on a mobile training team. My name was on the next promotion list.

As a technical sergeant, Senior

Master Sgt. John Zuris was my supervisor. He was on the fast track to making Chief in less than 20 years. I asked him what it took to make it. He told me things I tell NCOs today.

Maintain sustained superior performance, expand your breadth of experience, get involved with your community (military and civilian), complete your professional military education, and go to college to be a better Air Force member and prepare for your future. I followed his advice and made Chief, but not quite as fast as he did.

While attending PME, I found the curriculum, though important, wasn't the best part of the course. It was the sharing of ideas with classmates that made it worthwhile. The after-hours "war" stories gave me insights to help me solve supervisor/subordinate conflicts. They broadened my knowledge of the inner workings of other Air Force Specialty Codes and helped me understand how all these jobs fit into accomplishing the Air Force mission.

Again, it always comes back to people. They helped celebrate the birth of both my children. They helped my family through two remote tours and many temporary duty assignments. A friend watched my kids for free while my wife went to college. They helped me when my wife was diagnosed with cancer and celebrated when she beat it. Even today the caring goes on.

My boss and his wife were there when my wife and daughter had a car accident. He even cared enough to call me while I was on leave recently to ask how things

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Too many horror stories scream of poor gun safety

By Master Sgt. Dan Radabaugh
355th Wing Safety

A six-year-old girl ended up in serious condition after her brother accidentally shot her.

The investigation revealed that three young children were alone in their house late when the nine-year-old brother found a pistol be-

neath a mattress. While he was playing with it, the gun fired and hit his six-year old sister in her left cheek near her nose.

Police say the gun belonged to the 30-year-old boyfriend of the girl's 29-year-old mother. Neither the boyfriend or the mother were home when the shooting happened.

The boyfriend was charged with allowing a minor to access a gun.

Police believe the little boy had no intention of hurting his sister.

Stories like this are far too common in today's society.

In owning a firearm, you must take responsibility for your firearm's safety and security. You must protect yourself and all others

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were going while my wife and I were preparing to move my father-in-law from Pennsylvania to live with us in Arizona.

People are the reason we are the premiere Air Force in the world today.

Our success relies on many specialties that come together to accomplish the mission. It takes the crew chief who prepares the jet and launches it out on time. It takes the air traffic controller to do the coordination with the pilot and the Federal Aviation Administration to get the aircraft safely in the sky. It takes highly-qualified pilots to train during these flights to accomplish the ultimate goal of defeating the enemy.

There are also many more people involved in making the Air Force work that I don't have room to write about.

But the bottom line that keeps me coming to work each day and keeps us flying, fighting, and winning are all of our Air Force members.

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against injury from the firearm.

Many safety features are incorporated in firearms.

For your safety and the safety of others, do not rely on mechanical features alone.

Only your safe gun-handling habits will ensure the safe use of your firearm.

Accidents do not just happen—they are a result of violating the rules of safe gun handling and common sense.

Firearms are now a prevalent health hazard. More than half of America's families keep firearms in their homes.

Injuries and deaths from firearms are escalating at an alarming rate in the United States. Since 1990, several states reported firearm-related injuries surpassed motor-vehicle accidents as the leading cause of death.

The following steps deal with firearm safety. This checklist was designed for guns in the home, however it can also be used when transporting firearms.

Steps To Safety

- ◆ Keep the gun unloaded. Never leave a bullet or clip in a stored gun.
 - ◆ Always keep the gun's safety on, even if it is unloaded.
 - ◆ Store all firearms out of children's reach and in a locked cabinet or drawer.
 - ◆ Store ammunition in a separate locked cabinet.
 - ◆ Treat all guns and firearms, including pellet guns, as if they are loaded.
 - ◆ Tell children to never touch a gun.
 - ◆ Keep no firearms in the home if someone has a history of depression or threatens suicide.
 - ◆ Teach gun safety in the home.
- All gun owners and children of owners should take a gun safety course. There is a need for firearm education. Even if you do not have guns in your home, your children may come in contact with a gun at someone else's house.
- The National Rifle Association at www.nra.org has excellent information to promote education and safety for you and your family.

One excellent area is their Eddie Eagle Program. The purpose of the Eddie Eagle Program isn't to teach whether guns are good or bad, but rather to promote the protection and safety of children. Just as Smokey the Bear teaches children not to play with fire, Eddie Eagle teaches them not to play with firearms with a simple, memorable four part plan:

If you see a gun: Stop! Don't Touch! Leave the Area! Tell an Adult!

Teach children the basic elements of gun safety and instruct them on what to do if they find or see a gun.

Guns can be a natural curiosity for children. Repeat the "If you see a gun" message frequently. Reinforce it by quizzing them on what they would do if they found a gun. You can help save lives. Practice gun safety in your home. Tell your neighbors, friends and relatives to spread the message throughout the community.

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Health Focus

Warning signs may point to drinking problem

Substance abuse professionals offer tips on recognizing, assisting drinkers

(Editor's note: This is the first in a three-part series on warning signs of potential alcohol problems)

By Master Sgt. John Ewish
355th Medical Group

Most drinkers believe the answer to the question "Do I have a drinking problem?" is "no" because they don't need to have a drink every day, or because they haven't gotten into trouble because of their drinking.

Many will tell themselves that because they don't drink any more than their friends, they must not have a problem.

Or they can't have a problem because they haven't yet lost a job or their marriage because of their drinking.

Most of us would agree that someone who has experienced any of these consequences might likely have a drinking problem.

However, there are many other less-dramatic symptoms and behaviors that indicate a problem with alcohol.

Let's look at what defines a drinking problem and what defines moderate (problem-free) drinking.

People with the most serious kind of drinking problem demonstrate one or more of the following behaviors:

- ◆ Increased tolerance (needing to drink more and more alcohol to feel the desired intoxicating effect).

- ◆ Drinking large amounts of alcohol or drinking more often than intended (loss of control)

- ◆ Unsuccessful attempts to cut down or stop drinking (loss of control)

- ◆ Spending a lot of time and effort to get alcohol (preoccupation with alcohol)

- ◆ Spending a lot of time and effort hiding the extent of their drinking (denial)

- ◆ Spending a lot of time recovering from the effects (frequent hangovers equals loss of control)

- ◆ Cutting back on important social, occupational or recreational activities in order to drink alcohol (preoccupation with drinking)

- ◆ Continuing to drink despite having medical problems that are made worse by drinking (loss of control)

- ◆ Getting the shakes after not drinking for a time or drinking just to avoid or reduce the shakes (physical dependence)

These are the "classic" symptoms of alcoholism, also called alcohol dependence, and represent only a small portion of those who have a problem with alcohol.

The majority of those who have alcohol problems have not yet experienced this level of difficulty.

But they have experienced some problems, or caused problems for others, because of their excessive drinking.

Their drinking may have led to injury (such as accidental falls) or placed others at risk (such as starting fights when drunk).

They may have been arrested for drunken driving, vandalized property when drunk, or may have verbally abused or hit their spouse

or children when drinking.

They may continue to drink alcohol despite being on medications that should not be combined with alcohol.

They may have come into work Monday morning still intoxicated or with a hangover from drinking too much while watching a televised Sunday ballgame.

At social gatherings where alcohol is available, they may have much more than one or two drinks and may pressure others to "drink up."

They often confuse having a good time with getting drunk.

They may claim they don't have a drinking problem and to prove it to themselves by stopping drinking for a week or two or maybe even a month or two.

Typically, after they have "proven" to themselves they are in control of their drinking, they return to excessive drinking.

They may be quick to claim it is their legal right to be able to have a drink whenever they want and become very defensive if anyone expresses concern about their alcohol use.

They are the people who brag about their drinking exploits and alcohol-related close calls, often times with an air of pride.

There are also underage drinkers who think it is okay to disregard laws they think are inconvenient and interfere with their lifestyle, especially the laws restricting those younger than age 21 from consuming alcohol.

If you have questions about alcohol misuse, resources or need information please call or stop by the Mental Health Service Flight, second floor of Building 4220, during duty hours or call 8-5507.

Next week: Are you a binge drinker?



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Clownin' around

Medic dispenses own version of ministry out of uniform

By Deborah VanNierop
Staff writer

When Jennifer Lundberg is at work, she wears a neatly pressed, starched Air Force uniform.

After duty hours, however, her wardrobe consists of white facial makeup, a red rubber nose, a colorful wig and over-sized shoes.

At work Lundberg is a senior airman with the 355th Medical Group; off duty she is a clown named Clyde and a member of Tucson's clown ministry known as the Faithful Fools.

"I never thought about being a clown ... it just happened," Lundberg said.

Established in 1976 by Tucsonan Dave Kitner, the Faithful Fools combine the joy of clowning with religious messages.

"We teach Jesus' love through humor," Lundberg explained.

The Faithful Fools is a non-profit organization that teaches volunteers everything they need to know about being

a clown.

"The individual pays for their own costume and makeup, but we teach them how to correctly apply the makeup and the tricks they need to make their acts fun," Kitner said.

Lundberg said she learned about the group at an unusual place – the base chapel.

"I was there for a service, and I saw a small ad at the bottom of the bulletin which stated the group was looking for volunteers. I'd never thought about combining clowns with religion, but it sounded like fun so I called to get more information."

She's been with the group since 1997 and said the experience has been nothing short of "complete satisfaction."

"First and foremost – the group is made up of the most amazing people I've ever met, and when you're at a performance and a child smiles at you, well – it's just the most rewarding feeling in the world," she said.

Between 12 and 15 people are currently members of the Faithful Fools.

They perform at nursing homes, hospitals and churches throughout Tucson.

The clowns make balloon animals, paint faces, perform skits and hand out stickers, but most importantly, said Lundberg, they share their message of faith while making people laugh.

"Many people think religion is boring, but we present it in a way that's fun and interesting. Kids really listen to us, but they also like to laugh at us; it's a good combination," she said.

Lundberg said she had no problem learning how to perform in front of an audience; in fact her husband even helped by dubbing her 'Clyde.'

"I've always been kind of a klutzy person, and he would say, 'Good job, Clyde,' and the



Photos by Senior Airman Amy Kunkel

'Clyde,' aka Senior Airman Jennifer Lundberg, works on a balloon animal. Lundberg, who has been performing with the clown group, the Faithful Fools, for more than three years, said she gets her greatest satisfaction when she "sees a child smile, or an adult get excited when I approach them in my funny outfit."

name just stuck," she said.

Although the Arizona native said she thinks anyone can learn how to be a clown, it takes a special commitment to be a good clown.

"Jennifer is a very good clown. She puts a lot of time and effort into every performance," Kitner said.

"You've really got to have the desire to be a clown—the desire to make others happy—in your heart," Lundberg added.

While she hopes to continue performing with the Faithful Fools, Lundberg said if she receives an assignment and moves elsewhere she'll look into starting her own clown ministry.

"To see a child smile or an adult get excited when I approach them dressed in my makeup and funny outfit is very rewarding," she said.

"It's such a sense of satisfaction knowing that something I can do makes others happy."



"Clyde" flashes a familiar smile as she finishes crafting a balloon animal.



Sonoran Spotlight

(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the Desert Airman that profiles a member (officer, enlisted or civilian) of the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Desert Lightning community. Members are nominated by their unit commander or first sergeant.)

Name: Staff Sgt. Rick Carrillo

Organization: 357th Fighter Squadron

Duty title: Dedicated Crew Chief

Hometown: Hobbs, N.M.

Years of service: 12

Why did you join the Air Force: For the challenge and to do something worthwhile

Main responsibilities: Maintain, inspect and repair the A-10 Thunderbolt II

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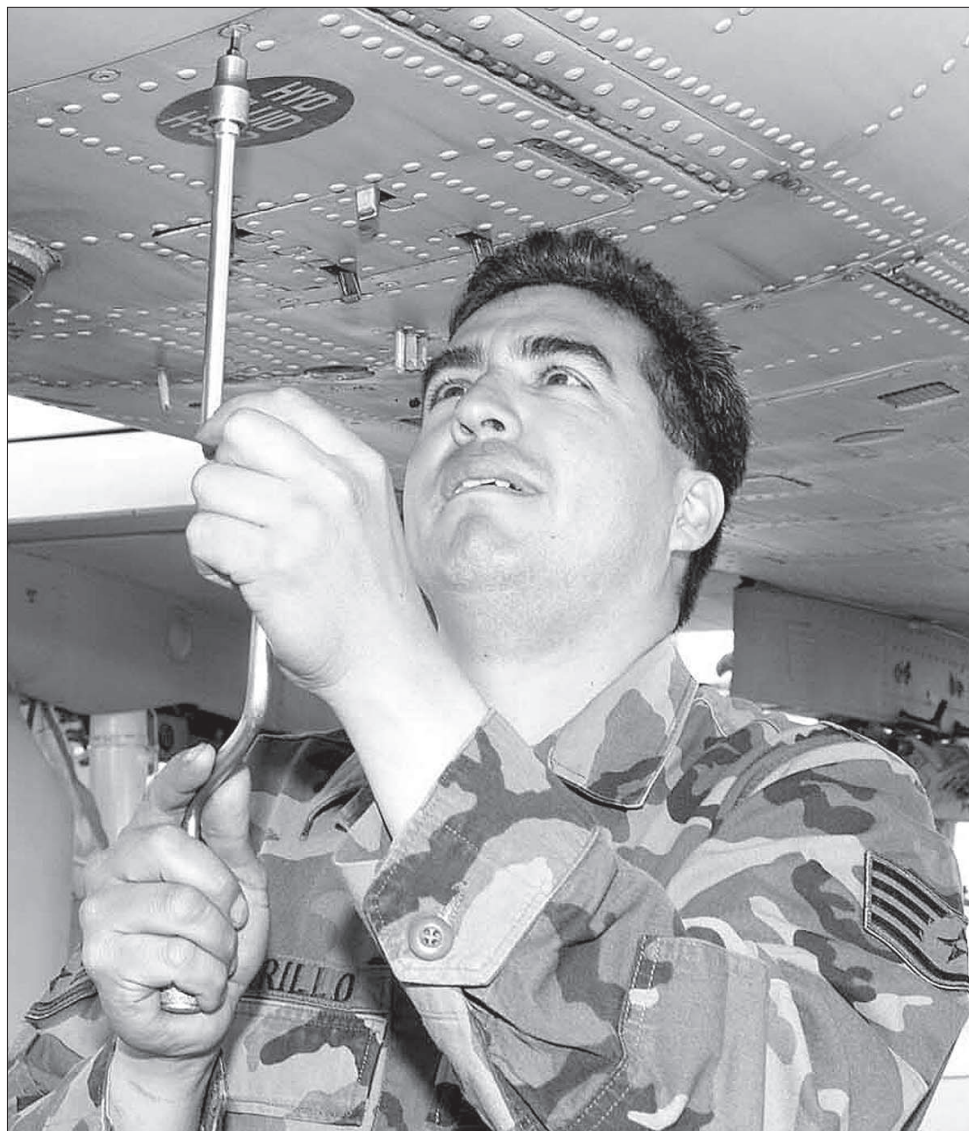
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Who inspires you; why: My wife; she has endured a lot being married to a military member



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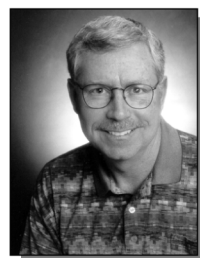
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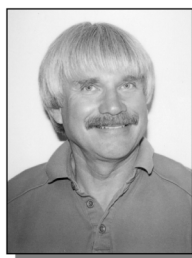
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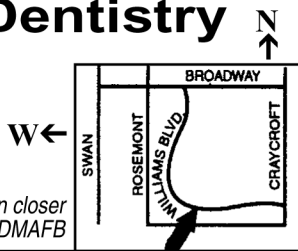
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Dragons capture crud championship

Story and photos by
Tech. Sgt. B. Coors-Davidson
355th Wing Public Affairs

The 357th Fighter Squadron "Dragons" B Team battled past almost 20 teams to win the quarterly Desert Lightning Crud Tournament championship April 6 at the Officers' Club.

The 355th Wing hosts the single elimination tournament each quarter following an officers call. The tournaments are run by the 355th Operations Group, yet each squadron fields its own team.

There were two brackets in the tournament, including combat units and spouses. Combat units were assigned to one of four regions, North, South, East or West.

"These tournaments help foster esprit de corps, teamwork and combat capability," said Col. Robert "Rowdy" Yates, 355th Operations Group commander. "The teams demonstrate unit pride and camaraderie and the competition is aimed at bringing us together as a well oiled snortin', ready-to-go-to-combat team."

In the spouses bracket, the 355th Support Group took top honors in a fiercely fought contest. In what was the most-watched game in first-round of play, the 357th FS wives beat out the 355th Wing wives by one life as the teams traded "life" for "life" right down to the wire.

The game of Crud finds its origins in the Canadian Air Force with the 4th Fighter Training Base, Cold Lake, Canada.

The game is played on either a standard billiards table or a specific crud table using only a white cue ball and one other solid-colored billiard ball, called the "object ball."

Two teams play at a time with three to six players on each team.

Each player is allotted three "lives" and one member from each team enters play at a time, attempting to sink the object ball in one of the corner pockets of the table by hitting it with the cue ball.

The player attempting to sink the object ball is called the "shooter."

When a player succeeds in sinking the object ball, the previous shooter from the opposing team loses a life. A team wins the match when the other team runs out of lives.

The object ball must stay in motion at all



Second Lt. William Maclin (right), 43rd Electronic Combat Squadron, attempts to sink the object ball while 2nd Lt. Kevin Weiss, 355th Contracting Squadron, misses the opportunity to move in for the block.

times, and the player opposing the shooter may interfere with the shot by blocking the shooter's view of the object ball.

"This is my first time on the crud table in almost eight years and since I had my children," said Tiffany "Tiffster" Bradshaw, the 357th player wives team who led her team to the first-round victory. "These matches are a positive thing and give us a chance to cheer each other on."

Although they seemed to be the favorites, the 357th wives finally yielded to the intense competition, losing the women's bracket championship to the 355th Support Group.

The combat unit bracket competition began with the 355th Communications Squadron taking a bye and the 355th Civil Engineer Squadron sending the 355th Services Squadron team packing in an easy win, and earning them the not-so-coveted "worst team" award.

The teams kept spectators on the edge of their seats, and players with call signs like Rage, Narly, Ox, Lucky, Chicken Hawk, Viking and Spook played with all the traits of world class aviators, and sometimes, the unique traits of WWF Wres-

ling stars.

The final round of the combat units bracket matched the 357th FS A and B Teams. The players and spectators adjourned to the Poly Bar and the oversized snooker table, with Col. Bobby J. Wilkes, 355th Wing commander, officiating the match.

The 357th A Team players were B-Man, Elvis, Alien and Box.

The B-Team players were Penny, Scrape, Hootie and O.B.

The game began with the teams trading life-for-life, but ultimately turned to favor the B Team when Elvis left the building after losing the first, sixth and ninth life of the match. Hootie followed, leaving Scrape and O.B. unscathed.

Within moments, O.B. sacrificed his first life with Scrape right behind.

Both teams began to feel their mortality and the competition heated up. After a series of controversial calls, B-Man and Scrape were sent packing.

Alien was sent to phone-home, leaving Box as a lone warrior against Penny and O.B.

Within seconds, Box folded, and the 357th B Team emerged victorious with three lives still to spare.

"In many ways, the game of crud is representative of our mission here at D-M," Yates added.

"Every player encourages their teammates, good command and control and information warfare are keys to success, but ultimately, teams must seize each opportunity to go offensive and tally 'lives' to taste victory. Congratulations to all competitors."



Col. Bobby Wilkes, 355th Wing commander, makes a call during the final round of play.

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| 11:00 am - 1:00 pm | 94.9 MIX FM Broadcast |
| 10 - 11:00am & 11:30 am - 12 noon | Wildlife rescue bird showcase - Wildlife rehabilitator, introduces us to the birds we see in the desert |
| 10:00 am - 12:00 pm | Hybrid car exhibit |
| 10:00 am - 2:00 pm | Kids games, face painting |
| 10 - 11:00 am & 1 - 2:00 pm | Steel Drum Band, "Cool Breeze" |
| 10 - 10:30 am & 12 - 12:30 pm | Kid's Seed Planting Workshop The Civano Nursery shows kids how to sprout seeds using newspaper in place of soil |
| 10:30 - 11:00am & 12:30 - 1:00 pm | "Balanced Environments" Feng Shui workshops |
| 11-11:30 am & 1 - 1:30 pm | Jump Rope Demonstrations - Teams from "The Jumping Scene" will give double dutch demonstrations |
| 11:00 am - 2:00 pm | Matt Bevel Headgear Workshop Local artist works with kids to create one-of-a kind hats and headgear out of recycled materials |
| 11 - 11:30 am & 1 - 1:30 pm | Civano Nursery Xeriscape Workshops |



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Sports Shorts

AF Women's basketball camp

D-M's Fitness Center is hosting this year's Air Force Women's Basketball Training Camp. Through April 21, the Haeffner Fitness and Sports Center's basketball court will be open for patron use, Mondays through Thursdays, 5 to 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., 3:30 to 6 p.m., and 8:30 to 11 p.m. Sundays, the court is open 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., and 5:30 to 7 p.m. At all other times, the court is reserved for training camp use. The team will also play teams from Tucson Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Fitness Center. Call Jay Junsay at 8-3714 for more information.

AFCEA golf tournament

The Tucson Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Squadron holds its annual scholarship golf tournament April 20 at Santa Rita Golf Course. The tournament format is four-person, best ball with prizes for first, second and third places. The entry fee is \$35 per person and all pro-

ceeds provide scholarships for youth and teachers in the Tucson area. Call Gilbert Hinojosa at 8-3425/0859 for more information.

Desert Lightning Springfest

April 20 to 22 are the dates for the first Desert Lightning Springfest Softball Tournament. The tournament is open to all military and Department of Defense intramural and "D" level teams. The entry fee is \$120 for the double-elimination tournament. Call Rudy Tingelhoff at 8-2039 for more information.

Pool playoffs

Base playoffs in the Air Combat Command Swim with the Sharks 8-ball Tournament are at 6 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays at the Desert Oasis Enlisted Club. Winners travel to Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base, N.C., April 25 to 27, for the ACC finals. Teams consist of two club-member players. Valuable prizes go to D-M and ACC winners. Sponsors are Allied Domecq Spirits U.S.A., and First USA Bank.

Call Wendy Decatur at 748-8666 for more information.

Golf tournament

The National Defense Transportation Association is holding its 6th annual golf tournament May 19 at the Santa Rita Golf Club. Sign in begins at 5:45 a.m., with a 7:30 a.m. tee off. The format is a four-person scramble and the entry fee is \$50 per person (for civilians and E-6 and above); \$40 per person (for E-5 and below). The sign up deadline is May 11. Sign up sheets are available in the traffic management office in Building 2300. Call Ken Welch or Jeff Daniel at 8-4339 for more information or to sign up.

Late-night hoops

Teen basketball players, age 13 to 15, can take part in Late Night Hoops at the youth center from 9 to 11 p.m. Fridays. Snacks and beverages will be available each week. Cost for the program is \$25 per player.

Scoreboard

Bowling

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(Week 25)

Team	W-L
Lady Flyers	122-78
KIDDS	122-78
Coyotes	112-88
Alley Cats	110-90
Splitsters	106-94
Snuffers	103-97
The Eastsiders	101-99

Phantom Mixed

(Week 23)

Team	W-L
Strike Force	116-68
The Cajuns	109-75
Lucky Seven	107-77
Strikebusters	104-80
So So's	101-83
The Dizzy Four	94-90
Avengers	94-90
Six Pack	90-94
Alley Oops	88-96

Sweet Revenge

83-101

Rat Pack 76-108

Tuesday Early Risers

(Week 26)

Team	W-L
Hit & Miss	132-76
The Monarchs	128-80
OUI 3	112-96
Ally Kats	100-108
Hot Cats	98-110
Dream Catchers	91-117
Soon's Runway	88-120
Wee Bee Bad	83-125

Intramural - National

(Week 28)

Team	W-L
SVS	137-79
AMMO	120-96
AMARC	116-100
12 AF #1	115-101
Supply	114-102
12 AF #3	110-106
MSS	110-106
CRS	102-114

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Intramural - American

(Week 28)

Team	W-L
MDG #2	155-61
41 ECS #2	136-80
CONS	132-84
42 ACCS #2	124-92
MDG #1	122-94
OSS	108-108
41 ECS #1	105-111
42 ACCS #1	80-136

Pinrollers

(Week 26)

Team	W-L
Uh Huh Girls	150-58
The Dream Catchers	109-99
L-A-D-Y	108-100
Rockers	102-106

Dreamers

97-110

Say What 97-110

Annie's Girls 97-110

Kachina Dolls 96-112

Thursday Night

(Week 25)

Team	W-L
Pick One	132-68
Desert Strikers	120-80
Prickly Pairs	120-80
PBJs	104-96
Lickity Splits	103-97
BM's	103-97
Cool Cs	102-98
Mission Impossible	102-98
Ice Breakers	102-98
Four Seas	98-102
Nice N Spicy	96-104
Road Runners	94-106
Bucks N Does	64-136
Pintenot	60-140

CE Mixed

(Week 17)

Team

BJ's Buns 10-2

Good, Bad & Ugly 7-5

Just 4 Fun 7-5

Fire Dawgs 7-5

MILF's 6-6

The Cans 5-7

HVAC 5-7

Brew Crew 5-7

Now N Then 5-7

Old Timers 3-9

Friday Nite Fun

(Week 23)

Team	W-L
Wannabees	116-60
AAFES	106-70
3 Roses & A Thorn	103-73
Just Us	98-78
Double Trouble	96-80
The Misfits	95-81
More BS	86-90
Gutter Dusters	85-91
Just Havin Fun	83-85
O Spare Us	76-100
Kum Cantasi	74-102

Bantams

(Week 12)

Team	W-L
Tigers	120-48
Dragons	115-53
N Sync	93-75

Preps, Juniors & Majors

(Week 21)

Team	W-L
Alley Cats	108-60
Undertakers	99-69
The Xtremes	98-70
Jaguars	93-75
Unlimited	92-76
Desert Pro's	92-76
Strikers	84-84
Desert Strikers	79-89
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Chapel events

Holy Week schedule

Today: Celebration of the Lord's Passion is at 3 p.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Saturday: Easter Vigil Mass, Blessing of the Fire/Water, Rite of Initiation for the Catechumen is at 7 p.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Sunday: Easter mass is at 7:30 and 10 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Protestant Easter Schedule

Today: Good Friday worship service is at 7 p.m. at Hope Chapel.

Sunday: Easter Sunrise service is at 5:45 a.m. at Heritage Park. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Contemporary worship is at 8:30 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Inspirational Gospel worship is at 11:15 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Traditional worship is at 11:15 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.



On-base clubs

Officers' Club

Today: Club members' birthday party. Drawing for \$50 Club Cash Coupon. Call for reservations.

Saturday: Prime rib for two is \$22.95.

Sunday: Easter buffet is by reservation only. Reservation times are 11 a.m., 11:30 a.m., noon, 1:30 p.m., 2 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Prepaid adult members (both clubs) are \$14.95. Children ages 5-12 are \$7.50, and children under 5 are free. Prices are a dollar more at the door. Eligible non-members add \$3 per person. Call 748-0660 for reservations.

Monday: Club closes at 2 p.m. Barbershop is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wednesday: Salad and More lunch buffet is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thursday: Magic show is Friday.

Call 748-0660 for more information.

Desert Oasis Club

Today: Prime rib dinner is \$8.95. Top 3 Lounge opens at 3 p.m. \$50 Club Cash Coupon drawing is at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday: Cabana is open 1 to 10 p.m.

Sunday: Club closed. Cabana opens at 1 p.m.

Monday: Club is closed Mondays. Barber-shop is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday: Bingo is at 6 p.m.

Wednesday: Closed for lunch today.

Thursday: BBQ lunch buffet is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oriental buffet is from 5 to 8 p.m. Adults pay \$6.95.



Youth programs

Today: An Easter egg hunt is today on the ballfields behind the 12th Air Force building. The hunt is divided into three age groups: ages 4 to 6 are at 9 a.m.; ages 7 to 8 are at 9:30 a.m.; and age 9 to 10 are at 10 a.m. Younger children will get their Easter eggs from the Easter Bunny. Late Night Hoops is 9 to 11 p.m. at the youth center gym. Call 8-8844.

Saturday: Major League Baseball Diamond Skills is April 21. Call 8-8373

Monday: Trail Community Service is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 8-8465.

Wednesday: Torch Club meets at the youth center after school. Children ages 5 to 8 bowl from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Call 8-8844.

Thursday: Sewing class is 6 to 7 p.m. at the youth center.



Community events

Today: Children bowl free from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at D-M Lanes. Cosmic Bowl starts at 9:15 p.m.

Saturday: Cosmic Bowl is 7 to 11 p.m. Call 8-3461.

Monday: Call 8-3714 for basketball court hours.

Tuesday: Toastmasters meet at 11:30 a.m. at the base library.

Wednesday: Gold Pin bowling is all day at the D-M Lanes

Thursday: Shop Nogales Saturday with ITT. Call 8-3700

Magic and comedy show

There's a magic and comedy show at 7:30 p.m. April 20 at the Officers' Club. The performance, open to the entire base community, features family-oriented comedy, magic and illusions. Adult members of both clubs pay \$10; kids ages 6 to 10, are \$3. Adult non-members are \$13, and children are \$5. Purchase your tickets early; admission is \$3 higher at the door. Refreshments will be served. Call 748-0660 for reservations.



Education services

CCAF graduation

More than 60 fellow airmen will graduate from the Community College of the Air Force at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the enlisted club. Chief Master Sergeant Leslie McGowan, 355th Medical Group superintendent will be the guest speaker. Call Phil King at 8-4249 or Wes Flannigan at 8-3484 for further information.



Family support

Saturday: The Hearts Apart Easter Egg Hunt is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., for those who are enrolled in the Hearts Apart program, at the park on Ironwood Street, near Smith Elementary School.

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Tuesday: Right Start is 8 a.m. to noon at the Community Center. Time for Tots is 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Desert Dove Chapel.

Wednesday: The Transition Assistance Program Seminar is 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through April 20 at the Community Center.

Thursday: Fun Time is 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Desert Dove Chapel.

Interviewing workshop

A workshop to help prepare for job interviews is 8 to 10 a.m. April 23 at the Community Center. Call 8-5690 for more information.

Sponsor training

A sponsorship training class is 9 to 10 a.m. April 25 at the Community Center. This mandatory one-hour class for new sponsors covers effective sponsorship and offers useful products and information for sponsors, unit Right Start/INTRO monitors and alternates. Call 8-5690 for more information.

Volunteer needed

The Community Programs Office is recruiting an active-duty military volunteer to build a Web site. We are looking for an individual who knows HTML and how to create links. Call Capt. C.L. Washington at 8-6040 or Capt. Damien Osip at 8-6024 to volunteer or for more information.



Other agencies

New library hours

The base library hours are now 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Call 8-4381 for more information.

Steak night

A special Easter steak night is 5 to 7 p.m.

Sunday at the golf course's Eagle's Nest Restaurant. The menu includes T-bone, ribeye or filet mignon steaks, a boneless chicken breast or large Caesar salad. Dinners include baked potato, bread, ranch beans and coffee or tea. The childrens' menu features grilled cheese sandwiches, hamburgers and hot dogs, served with fries and a beverage. Call 8-7066 for information.

Tombstone trip

Join Information, Tickets & Tours on an April 28 trip to Tombstone. Tombstone is best known as the site of the 1881 Gunfight at the OK Corral. Victims of the gunfight are buried at Boot hill. Participants can spend the day visiting attractions like the Bird Cage Theatre, the restored 1882 court house, OK Corral or Boot hill cemetery. Transportation is \$10. Call 8-3700.

Day in the Park

The 10th Annual Day in the Park for children is 9 a.m. to noon April 21 at Bama Park. The event is sponsored by the 355th Services Squadron's youth programs. Events include games, arts and crafts, displays, rides, sports, face painting and a magic show by Ronald McDonald. Refreshments will be served. Call 8-3336 for more information.

Lunch and learn

The Federal Women's Program sponsors a basic defensive tactics and personal safety program at 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday in Building 12, Room 131. Everyone is invited to bring a lunch and attend the program.

Enlisted Spouses Association

The Enlisted Spouses Association meets at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday in Monte's Room at the Desert Oasis Enlisted Club. A social will follow. Call Dena Wakefield at 747-3461 for information.

Thrift Shop hours

The Thrift Shop is open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Consignments are taken until 1 p.m. The Thrift Shop is located in Building 3220. Call 8-2120 to reserve space for large items and furniture.

Military Widow luncheon

The Society of Military Widows, Chapter 14, luncheon is at noon April 21 at the Officers Club. Call 797-4526 for reservations. Call 298-1145 for more information.

Senior health forum

A senior health forum is 9 a.m. to noon April 25 at the base Theater. The forum is to inform retirees, their spouses, and survivors, of the subtleties of the Fiscal 2001 National Defense Authorization Act. The act brings many new initiatives to the TRICARE Program for seniors, including TRICARE-for-Life and senior pharmacy benefits. Call 8-5100 for more information or e-mail retired@dm.af.mil.

Housing demolition

Demolition of the vacant housing units on Mustang Drive begins April 23. Demolition of housing units on Starfire Drive and Lightning Drive begins April 30. The hours of operation are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Demolition of these areas should be completed by May 14. The demolition area will be fenced and access will be limited to authorized construction workers. Call Beth Wilson, housing facilities chief, at 8-6609 for more information.



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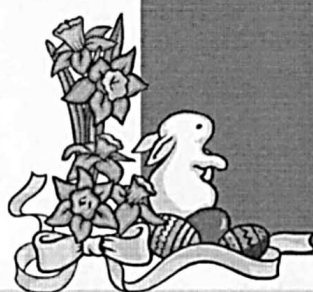
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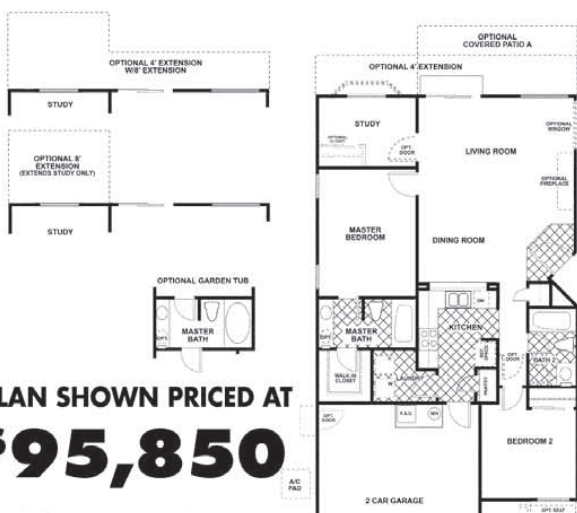


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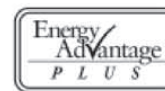
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